

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated.

1. (Currently amended) A lighting system for illuminating an interior of a fireplace, said lighting system comprising:

(a) a rod for securing said lighting system to an each inner side wall surface of such fireplace, said rod having a first end and a second end;

(b) a bracket member engageable with said rod, said bracket member disposed intermediate said first end and said second end of said rod;

(c) a first means attached to said bracket member for providing illumination; and

(d) a second means connected to said first means for providing power to said first means for illumination.

2. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 1, wherein said second means is at least one of a standard 110 volt electrical circuit, a battery and gas.

3. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 2, wherein said

second means is at least one of a battery and a standard 110 volt electrical circuit.

4. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 3, wherein said second means further includes a flasher arrangement for providing a twinkle effect.

5. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 3, wherein said second means is a standard 110 volt electrical circuit.

6. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 1, wherein said first means includes a plurality of incandescent lamps.

7. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 6, wherein said incandescent lamps may be different colored lamps.

8. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 1, wherein said rod is an expandable rod.

9. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 8, wherein said expandable rod is spring loaded.

10. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 8, wherein said expandable rod has mechanical means for providing expansion.

11. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 10, wherein said mechanical means includes a collar and thumb screw arrangement to secure the rod for whatever expansion is desired.

12. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 8, wherein said expandable rod further includes pads on each end of said expandable rod.

13. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 12, wherein said pads are an elastomeric composition.

14. (Original) A lighting system for illuminating the interior of a fireplace, according to claim 13, wherein said elastomeric composition is rubber.